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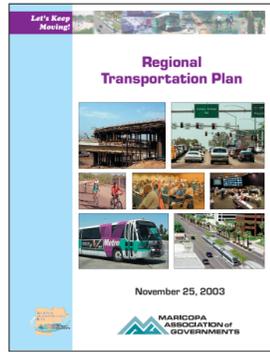
The Solution

Working with business leaders and with extensive input from the community, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Maricopa Association of Governments developed the Regional Transportation Plan.

The 22-member committee included representatives from cities and towns across the region, the business community, the Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County, the freight industry, transit, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee.

The Plan lays out 20 years of transportation improvements, including:

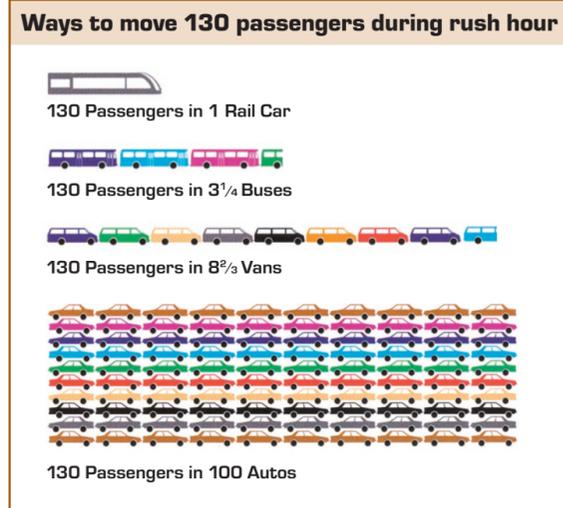
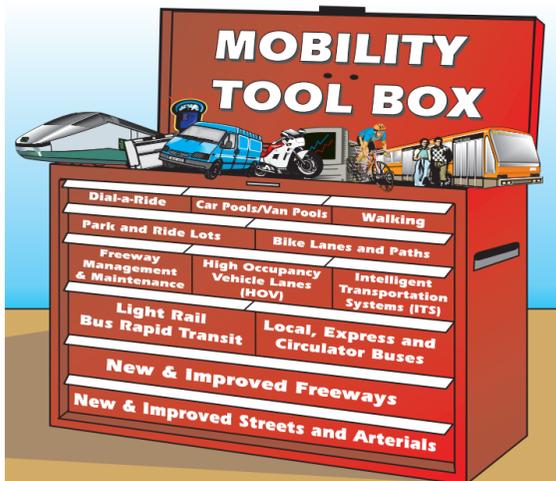
- ❖ New and improved freeways with better access and more capacity.
- ❖ More transportation choices addressing needs across the region.



- ❖ Improved streets and intersections to help relieve congestion.
- ❖ Nearly 28 miles of extensions to the planned light rail system.
- ❖ More bus service, more often.
- ❖ Safety planning, computerized freeway management, litter control and landscaping.

The Right Mix

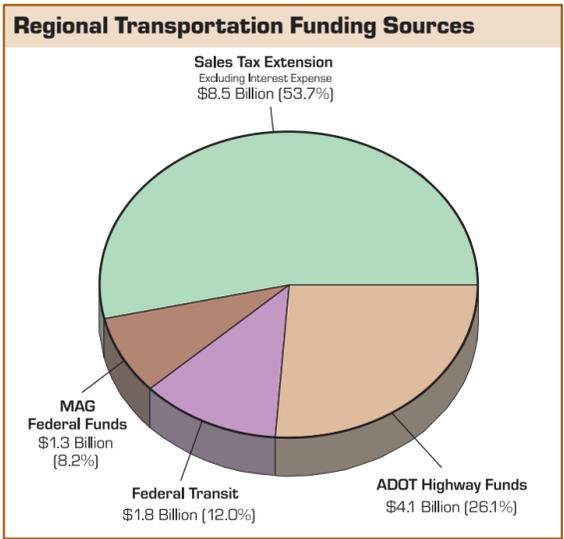
- ❖ Each area of the Valley has unique transportation challenges. Streets and freeways alone won't meet these demands. We need all the tools in our transportation toolbox working together to address our future needs.



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What Will It Cost?

- ❖ The Regional Transportation Plan includes nearly \$16 billion of projects over the next 20 years. More than half of the funding in the Plan would come from the extension of the half-cent sales tax for transportation, if approved by voters.
- ❖ The current half-cent sales tax expires in 2005, leaving the region without a primary funding source for transportation. If voters choose to extend the half-cent sales tax, they won't pay anything more out of their pocket than they are currently paying.
- ❖ Local dollars will leverage federal funding for transit, freeway and arterial street improvements.
- ❖ Safeguards are included to ensure projects are delivered on time and on budget.



Economic Impact

The Regional Transportation Plan will have both direct and indirect economic benefits for the region, including:

- ❖ Direct local investments of \$17.2 billion from 2006 to 2026, or nearly a billion dollars annually. This investment is four times the original construction cost of the Central Arizona Project.
- ❖ The Plan will generate an average of 10,600 jobs each year over the 20-year period. Among the industries benefitting most will be construction, transportation, service, communications and public utilities.
- ❖ The total economic impact over the life of the Plan will be more than \$15 billion in new personal income for residents of Maricopa County.

Plan Safeguards

The Plan includes safeguards to keep it accountable. For example:

- ❖ Funding for freeways, streets and transit will be kept separate so funds can't be moved from one account to another.
- ❖ Projects will be analyzed through an independent audit every five years to evaluate performance.
- ❖ A "Life Cycle" program will keep revenues and expenditures in balance.
- ❖ Major changes will require public review and must undergo a strict amendment process.
- ❖ The Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee will monitor the Plan.

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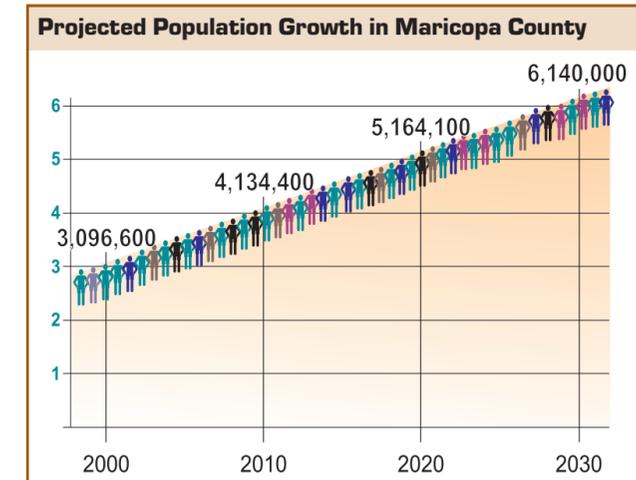
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New Regional Transportation Plan to Guide Transportation for 20 Years

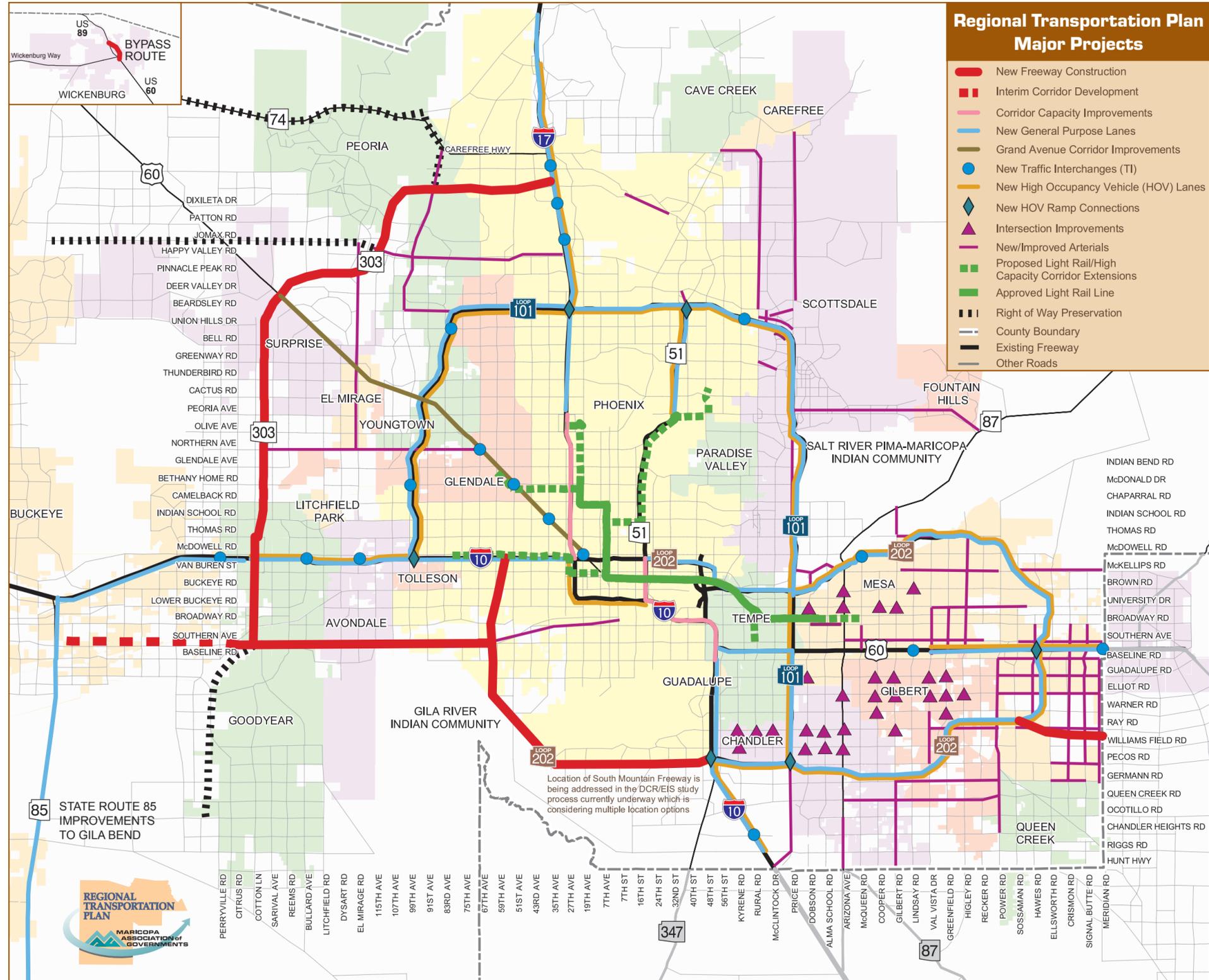
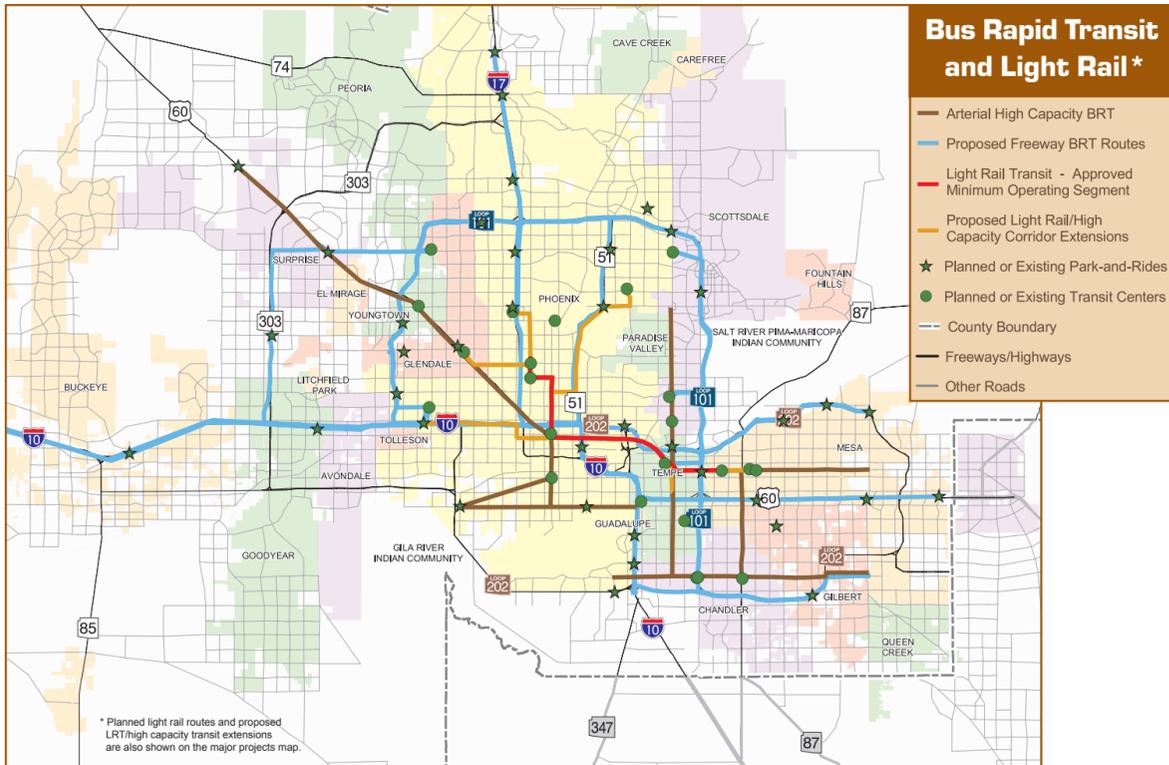
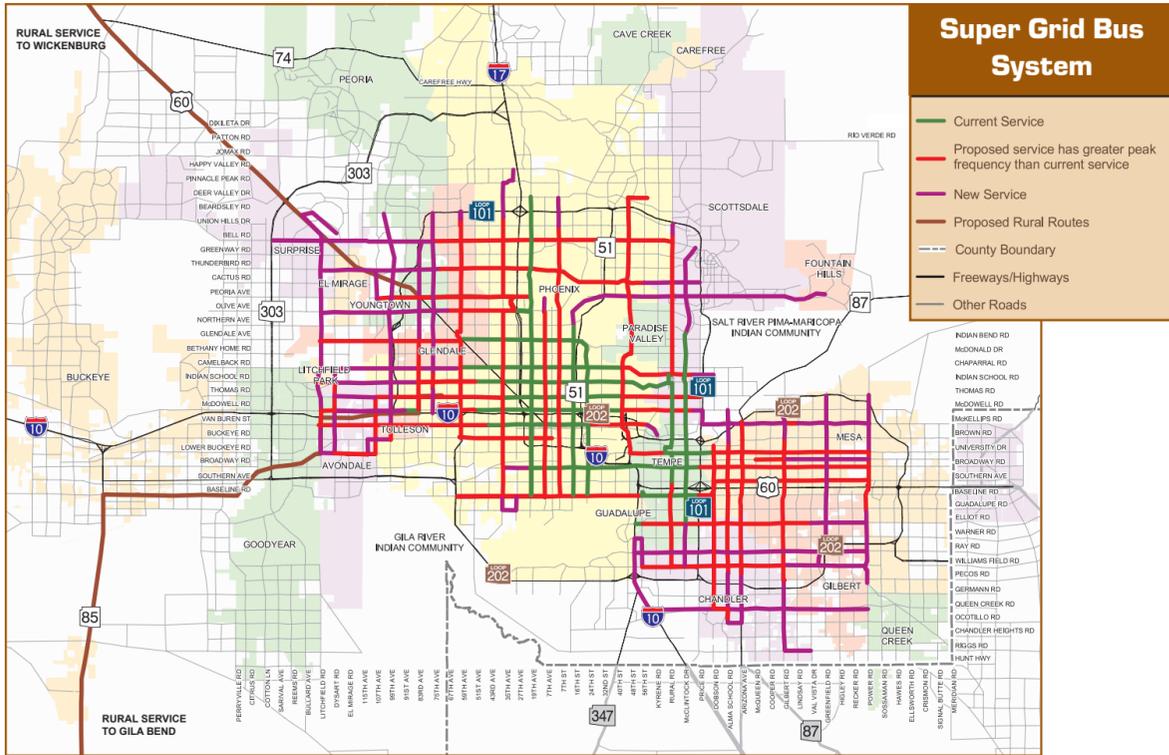
The Challenge

- ❖ The Valley's population is expected to double in the next 30 years.
- ❖ Maricopa County voters rank transportation high on the list of the most important problems facing the region.
- ❖ The Valley's economy depends on a safe and efficient transportation system to move people and goods, and to attract high-quality workers and businesses.



How will six million people get to where they live, work and play? What alternatives will be available?

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What's in the Plan?

Freeways & Highways

- Additional lanes on Loop 101, Loop 202, I-10, I-17, SR 51 and US 60.
- New freeways, including Loop 303, the I-10 Reliever, Williams Gateway Parkway and the South Mountain Loop.
- New or improved traffic interchanges.
- New carpool (HOV) lanes.
- Grand Avenue improvements.
- Rubberized asphalt to reduce freeway noise.
- Freeway Management System.
- Maintenance (litter control and landscaping).



Regional Transit

- New or enhanced bus service on 30 routes, plus the creation of 10 new routes.
- Improvements to express/bus rapid transit service, including 14 new routes.
- 27.7 miles of new light rail extensions.
- Tripling of ADA Dial-a-Ride services.
- Tripling of Vanpool services.
- 32 new passenger facilities.
- More than 2,100 new buses and 1,000 new Dial-a-Ride vehicles.
- More bus pullouts.

Street Improvements

- Northern Avenue Parkway, Rio Salado Parkway and Sonoran Parkway.
- Major street and intersection improvements across the Valley.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems, such as "smart" signals that sense traffic conditions.

Other Programs

- Safety planning.
- Bicycle projects.
- Pedestrian facilities.
- Regional planning programs.
- Rideshare and other programs to reduce travel and improve air quality.

